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However, the enlarged inside diameter area 160 of housing 110 has not expanded in diameter. In this manner, the tubular 420 is successfully affixed to the housing 110 without expanding the diameter of the housing. Additionally, the inside diameter of the housing 110 and the tubular 420 are substantially the same.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 18-25 with the following paragraph:

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The connection arrangement disclosed herein and shown in Figures 4 and 5 is not limited to use with a cement shoe assembly and can be used to join tubulars at any location downhole when a connection between tubulars is desired without expanding the outer diameter of the larger tubular. For example, the apparatus and method can be utilized anytime cement, formations or any other material surrounding the outer tubular make it difficult or impossible to use an expansion technique requiring the expansion of the larger tubular. Additionally, the methods and apparatus disclosed and claimed herein can be used in any well and are not necessarily limited to use in a hydrocarbon well.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

- Sjb1* 1. A cement shoe assembly for use in a wellbore comprising:
a tubular housing for disposal at an end of a tubular string, the housing having an enlarged inner diameter portion; and
a drillable cement shoe portion disposed in the housing, the cement shoe portion in selective fluid communication with a tubular thereabove.

- Sjb2* 11. A method of connecting a first tubular to a second tubular in a wellbore, the method comprising:

- providing a cement shoe assembly having a housing and drillable cement shoe, the assembly disposed at a lower end of a first tubular string;
cementing the housing in the wellbore by injecting cement into an annular area defined by the housing and the borehole therearound;
drilling the cement shoe to leave only the housing thereof, the housing having an area of increased inside diameter at a lower end thereof;